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TRAGEDY AT THE COAST

‘THE KIDS ARE IN THE OCEAN’

Marilyn Romaine, right, embraces her daughter, Jamie Stiles, after a package arrived containing the urn to hold her daughter Lola’s ashes. Lola and her brother, William, were swept out to sea by a sneaker wave on Jan. 11. *Photos by Beth Nakamura, staff*

Family struggles with grief after children swept away by wave

Noelle Crombie *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

It was supposed to be a weekend to celebrate Jamie Stiles’ birthday.

Stiles and her mother posted a closed sign on their homey Northeast Portland coffee shop and took the family to the Oregon coast.

That Friday, Jan. 10, they settled into a cabin at Cape Falcon, between Seaside and Manzanita. The next day, Stiles decided to drive with her mom to Seaside for groceries. Stiles’ husband, Jeremy, stayed behind with the couple’s two young children, William and Lola.

The kids were eating breakfast when the two women left.

Marilyn Romaine, Stiles’ mom, paused to kiss her grandchildren on the way out.

The family knew about the warnings for king tides and sneaker waves. They’d been to the coast enough to understand how cautious they needed to be.

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Before the accident, Jamie Stiles tattooed her children’s names on her forearms.

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

Senate barrels toward critical witness vote

Lisa Mascaro, Eric Tucker and Zeke Miller
Associated Press

The impeachment trial of President Donald Trump is headed for a critical vote Friday that will determine whether the Senate hears from witnesses over allegations that the president pressured Ukraine to launch investigations for his own political benefit.

All eyes were on key Republican senators who could tip the vote one way or the other. After a full day of question-and-answer session with House impeachment managers and Trump lawyers, Republican Sen. Susan Collins of Maine said she would vote to allow witnesses.

But Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee said in a statement there was “no need for more evidence,” all but dashing Democratic efforts to hear more testimony and boosting odds the Senate will vote imminently to acquit without new testimony, in a matter of days.

It would take four GOP senators to break with the majority and join with Democrats to tip the outcome.

Collins, Alexander and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska were playing an oversized role in the final hours of debate with pointed questions ahead of the crucial votes. Another Republican senator, Mitt Romney of Utah, has made clear he will vote for witnesses. Murkowski said she will announce her decision Friday.

Collins said in a statement, “The most sensible way to

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